

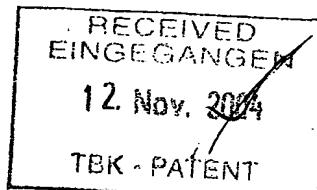
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

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the claims:

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- the description, pages _____
- the claims, Nos. _____
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- any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-19</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-19</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-19</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The claimed invention relates to a method of carrying an application level message encapsulated inside a signalling message of an access network. This is a way of speeding up the registration procedure in a cellular network.

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: WO 02056618 A
 D2: WO 0044191 A
 D3: US 2001053145 A1

D1 reveal methods of carrying an application level message encapsulated inside a signalling message of an access network. An application level message is received from a sender application to an access network signalling process, (p.25 lines 22-26). The message is adapted and encapsulated in an access network signalling message, (p.25 line 27-p.26 line 2). The encapsulated application level message is delivered to a receiver application process by transmission of the signalling message, (p.27 claim 48).

D2 discloses how application level message contents are encapsulated in signalling messages (p.8 line 23-p.9 line 3; p.9 lines 9-12), in order to speed up connection setup times during handover.

D3 deals with interworking different transport technologies in a communication system including an application layer and a transport layer.

However, the subject-matter of the independent claims 1 and 17 is neither anticipated by the cited prior art nor rendered obvious thereby, since none of the cited documents reveals an application level message indicating under which conditions the signalling message should be delivered. .../...

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Supplemental Box

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Thus, the claimed invention fulfils the requirements of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability.

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CLAIMS

- 10 1. A method of carrying an application level message encapsulated inside a signaling message of an access network, said method comprising the steps of:
 - receiving (1) an application level message from a sender application process to an access network signaling process;
 - adapting (3) said application level message and encapsulating it in a signaling message of an access network; and
 - delivering (1, 3, 4) said encapsulated application level message to a receiver application process by transmitting said signaling message, wherein said encapsulated application level message is transparent to the means of said access network transmitting said signaling message, and
- 20 25 wherein said application level message includes an indication under which conditions the signaling message should be delivered.
- 30 2. A method according to claim 1, wherein said sender application process is performed in a mobile terminal being attached to said access network.
- 35 3. A method according to claim 1, wherein said sender application process is performed in a server providing a corresponding application.

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4. A method according to claim 1, wherein said indication comprises an address of the application receiver process being one of the group comprising a logical name, an IP address, and a port number.

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5. A method according to claim 1 or 4, wherein said indication comprises another indication whether said signaling message should be delivered even if the Quality-of-Service changes.

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6. A method according to claim 1, wherein said method is implemented in a call establishment procedure for Voice over the Internet Protocol (VoIP).

15 7. A method according to claim 1, wherein said encapsulated application level message is included in an activation request within a Packet Data Protocol (PDP) context signaling.

20 8. A method according to claim 3, wherein said application server is one of the group of proxy call state control function means (P-CSCF), push proxy server means, and instant message server means.

25 9. A method according to claim 7, wherein said packet data protocol (PDP) context signaling is embedded into one of the group of a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) signaling, a Resource Reservation Protocol (RSVP) signaling, and a Point to Point Protocol (PPP) signaling.

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10. A method according to claim 7, wherein said encapsulated application level message includes a complete Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) message.

11. A method according to claim 10, wherein a Gateway GPRS Support Node (GGSN) creates a Internet Protocol/User Datagram Protocol header and forwards said complete Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) message to a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) proxy means.

12. A method according to claim 11, wherein said header is created by using information sent in an optional application level message information element.

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13. A method according to claim 11, wherein said header is created by using information coming from said Packet Data Protocol (PDP) context signaling.

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14. A method according to claim 11, wherein said header is created by using information coming from a configuration process.

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15. A method according to claim 7, wherein
said encapsulated application level message indicates
that a Gateway GPRS Support Node (GGSN) shall send a
context response message only when a response of said
receiver application process is received, as a reaction to
which said Gateway GPRS Support Node (GGSN) starts a timer
to wait for answer; and wherein

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a reply before the expiry of said timer is copied as a
new encapsulated application level message in said context
response message, and in case of no reply before the expiry
of said timer an indication that said receiver application
process does not answer is copied as a new encapsulated
30 application level message in said context response message.

16. A method according to claim 7, wherein
said encapsulated application level message indicates
35 that a Gateway GPRS Support Node (GGSN) shall send a

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context response message immediately, as a reaction to which said Gateway GPRS Support Node (GGSN) sends a context response message immediately, whereas a response of said receiver application process is returned to said sender application process in a non-encapsulated manner as normal traffic.

17. A system adapted to perform a transmission of an application level message encapsulated inside a signaling message of an access network, comprising:

receiving means adapted to receive an application level message from a sender application process to an access network signaling process;

adapting means for encapsulating said application level message in a signaling message of an access network; and

delivering means adapted to deliver said encapsulated application level message to a receiver application processing means, and

wherein said application level message includes an indication under which conditions the signaling message should be delivered.

18. A system according to claim 17, further comprising a server adapted to perform said sender application process.

19. A system according to claim 18, wherein said server is one of the group of proxy call state control function means (P-CSCF), push proxy server means, and instant message server means.